



# Cityscene

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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### Christmas, New Year's Day Holiday Closures

**Christmas** — City government offices will close December 24-25.

The General District Court will close December 24-25; call 703-385-7866.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will close December 24-25. For information, call 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center will be closed December 25; call 703-591-0560.

The CUE Bus will run on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m. December 24, and there is no CUE Bus service December 25. For information, call 703-385-7859.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected December 24-25. The schedule will be:

- Monday and Tuesday routes collected Wednesday, December 26.
- Wednesday and Thursday routes collected Thursday, December 27
- Friday routes collected as usual Friday, December 28.

For information, call 703-385-7837.

**New Year's 2013** — On January 1, 2013, city government offices, Museum and Civil War Interpretive Center will be closed. There will be no CUE Bus service.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected January 1, 2013. Those with regular Tuesday and Wednesday collection should place their items at the curb for collection on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

General District Court will be closed December 31 and January 1, 2013.

## City Seeks Early Input on FY 13-14 Budget Guidance

**T**he City Council seeks public input regarding the next year's fiscal budget — and will hold a public hearing December 11 to solicit input to its budget guidelines before the process begins.

Customarily, the City Council sets guidelines for the year's budget discussions, setting priorities and identifying issues to be considered when establishing the next year's fiscal budget.

This year, the City Council invites the public to review and respond to the proposed guidelines prior to their adoption.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the budget guidelines for fiscal year 2013-14 on December 11. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex and will be televised; see page 5.

Copies of the proposed guidelines will be available by December 6 from the Finance Office, City Hall Room 312, and on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7864.

Using these budget guidelines, the city manager is scheduled to present a proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14 on February 26, 2013. The City Council will hold work sessions, public hearings and an outreach meeting on this proposed budget. The budget is scheduled to be adopted May 1, 2013. (*Please note: these dates are subject to change.*)

The city's budget is the blueprint for financial and policy decisions implemented during each fiscal year. Copies of the current fiscal year's budget are available in City Hall and on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7864.

*The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Capital Improvements Program December 10 — see page 3!*

## Festival of Lights and Carols December 1

Lunch with Santa (tickets required): 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., Old Town Hall.

Kitty Pozer Garden, noon to 7 pm: live holiday music, hot cider (provided by the Fairfax City Kiwanis Club) and s'mores by the Yule Log.

Old Town Hall, 2:30-5 pm: Sidney Lanier Middle School vocal ensemble and Men's Chorus, Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

Old Town Hall, 3-5 pm: Visit with Santa — bring your cameras for photos with Santa.

Kitty Pozer Garden: 5-6 pm: Jubil-Aires and the Joy Ringers of Pender United Methodist Church lead a caroling sing-along and lighting of the Christmas tree.

Ratcliffe-Allison House, 6-7 pm: candlelight tours.

Sherwood Community Center, 7 pm:  
*A Celtic Christmas Sior-Órg and Friends*

Kitty Pozer Garden will be illuminated with animated lights beginning at 5 pm each evening through the holidays. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and Bull Run Festival of Lights.

Information: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7858





## NEWS & NOTES

### Leaf Collection Continues Through December 28

Please have all *loose leaves raked to the curb by December 14*, and trucks will circulate through neighborhoods to collect leaves through December 28.

Please strive to rake leaves to the curb, as it costs the city less to dispose of loose leaves curbside than to dispose of bagged leaves. Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles, but please keep stones, branches and other large items out of leaf piles because they damage equipment and can injure city workers.

Trucks circulate through neighborhoods about once every two to three weeks, often more frequently. Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection. For 24-hour information, call 703-385-LEAF.

Bagged leaves will not be collected until January 2013.



### City Council Public Hearing on Eleven Oaks Site Set for December 11

The City Council will hold a public hearing at its December 11 meeting on the proposed residential development on the Eleven Oaks property at the intersection of George Mason Boulevard and School Street.

The City Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. December 11 in the City Hall Annex and will be televised; see page 5.

The staff report for the proposed Eleven Oaks project will be available prior to the meeting at the Community Development and Planning Office, City Hall Annex Room 207. For information, call 703-385-7930.

## Protect Home, Business During Holidays

During the holidays, a little caution — and advice the city's fire and police departments — can help prevent tragedy.

**Fire Prevention** — Read directions to properly and safely maintain and use holiday decorations. All decorations should be fire-safe and should not block doors, windows or other exits. Combustible decorations like trees and wrapping paper should be kept away from fires, space heaters and other ignition sources.

Never allow candles to burn unattended, and cool fireplace ashes in metal containers or in the fireplace for three days before disposing of them.

Check lights for frayed cords, bare

wires and broken bulbs. Live trees should be supple and fresh (with plenty of water in the tree stand). Consider an uncut tree that can be planted after the holidays. Artificial trees should be fire-resistant. For information, call 703-385-7830.

**Personal Safety** — Be careful announcing absences from home on social media. When traveling, make the house look occupied with interior and exterior lights. Stop deliveries and have someone pick up publications and papers left at the door.

Do not enter a house that appears to have been burglarized.

For information, call 703-385-7966.

### When weather gets bad, take the CUE Bus! CUE Buses run in all weather year-round.

CITY OF FAIRFAX  
**CUE**



Prepare for inclement weather:  
get the CUE Bus schedule  
and bookmark [Nextbus.com](http://Nextbus.com)  
to avoid waiting too long in the cold.

Use SmarTrip for fare and transfers;  
SmarTrip cards may be purchased  
at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall  
and recharged online.

All CUE Buses have full access for all riders,  
plus bike racks.

Information and schedules: 703-385-7859; [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)



## Prepare Now for Winter Weather, Snow, Possible Weather-Related Emergencies

Start planning now to face winter weather. Remember issues and problems you might have faced during the last few winters and plan accordingly.

Make arrangements now for assistance with snow and ice removal on private property as needed. Also, identify other service providers for weather-related services, like heater repair, fireplace service and more.

Check on neighbors who may need assistance, and help as you can.

**Snow, Ice Removal** — The city plows its own public roads, with Public Works Department crews working around the clock to make city streets passable.

When snow storms are forecast, park in your driveway (if you have one): it makes snow removal easier on neighborhood roads and may reduce your own

driveway shoveling.

Please clean sidewalks in front of homes and businesses. *Pile snow to the right side of the driveway (while facing the street) so city trucks can push it away from the driveway.* Remember, it is against the law to push snow onto city streets because it impedes snow removal and creates an unsafe situation.

Adopt a hydrant: remove snow from around fire hydrants so the fire department can find them when needed.

**Emergency Preparation** — Winter can mean power outages, icy roads, closed school or work. Prepare weather-related emergencies with the help of the Emergency Management Office. Remember: *make a plan, get a kit, stay informed.* For assistance, call 703-385-4856 during regular business hours.

# Real Estate Taxes Due December 5; Relief Available

Real estate tax payments are due by December 5. Payments postmarked or made after December 5 will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty and interest charges.

In addition to paying by mail or in person to the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, taxpayers may pay their tax bills online using e-checks (a free service) or with credit cards (for which there is a fee for usage). For information, visit the city's website.

Real property owners who do not have their real estate taxes escrowed by a mortgage company may pre-pay real estate taxes in monthly installments. For information, call 703-385-7904.

The city continues to provide a comprehensive real estate tax relief program for senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities. These options include tax relief, deferral, freeze or combination of freeze and deferral. Property owners will receive information with tax assessment notices in March 2013. For information, call 703-359-2486.

Virginia law has created a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, call 703-359-2486.

## CIP Public Hearing Set for December 10

The public is invited to discuss the proposed *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) at a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission December 10.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. December 10 in the City Hall Annex and will be televised; see page 5.

Copies of the proposed CIP are available from the Community Development and Planning Office, City Hall Annex Room 207, and on the city website. For information, call 703-385-7930.

The *Capital Improvement Program*

(CIP) is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle.

After the public hearings and work sessions on this matter are concluded, the Planning Commission will provide its recommendations to the City Council. For information, call 703-385-7930.

## Businesses: Recycling is Mandatory; Submit Reports Online

Recycling is not just good for business — it is required for all businesses of all sizes, and that a report on their recycling is due to the city by March 1, 2013.

The report will detail actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials. Businesses can obtain that information directly from their recycling vendors.

This report must be submitted through the city's website using a form provided on the city's recycling page: <http://fairfaxva.gov/Refuserecycling/Commercial-Recycling.asp>. The report must be filled out between January 1 and March 1, 2013.



All businesses that have a city business license are required to submit this report except for individuals who serve as landlords for residential property and home-based businesses that use the city's residential recycling program; the city already includes their information in the annual municipal recycling report.

The law that went into effect in April 2009 mandates that all businesses submit an annual report to the city on the amount of recycling their business generates. Complete regulations are on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7837.



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### Contractor Debris Not Collected Curbside

City residents should make sure their contractors remove all debris created by their services, from lawn mowing to home renovation to tree removal (and more). The city does not collect debris created by contractors.

### Recycling Bins Available

City residents who receive city curbside recycling service from the city are provided special blue recycling bins for this purpose. *(The city-supplied bin is city property and residents are asked to leave them behind for the new residents when they move).*

Residents may request new (or additional) recycling bins via e-mail to [Dave.Ray@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Dave.Ray@fairfaxva.gov) or calling 703-385-7837.

City residents may use larger containers they supply themselves, which may be up to 35 gallons (typical trash can size) with lids. Please make sure they are clearly marked as "recycling." (If possible, please choose blue-colored containers so crews can easily identify them).

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

Visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

**Remember, Christmas trees (without ornaments, garland, etc.) will be collected curbside in January 2013 as part of regular curbside service.**

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**



## City Maintains Watch on Coyotes

After receiving reports of coyotes sighted in city parks, the City of Fairfax Animal Control Office continues to monitor the city's coyote population, track any interactions and promote safe practices regarding wildlife.

Coyotes generally are not a danger to humans unless they're sick, injured or threatened.

Residents are advised to keep dogs leashed in city parks and on city streets, and stay on established trails in city parks.

Also, do not leave pets unattended outdoors, especially at night (when coyotes are most active). If approached by a coyote, make a lot of noise (clapping, yelling, stomping feet) or throw small objects like sticks or pebbles to scare off the animal.

Residents may consider motion-sensor lights, sprinklers and other deterrents to discourage the animals from private property.

The Animal Control Division has officers available to speak at community meetings (clubs, homeowner associations, etc.) regarding this and other animal-related issues. For information, call 703-385-7924.

## Dog License Applications Mailed in December

City dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 a year for unaltered dogs. All dogs age 4 months and older must be licensed.

To obtain a license, owners must present a current rabies certificate for each dog, and licenses may be purchased for the years the rabies vaccination is valid. Also, if applicable, residents must present a neuter/spay certificate (*required for first-time licenses only*).

Licenses may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7900. Dog license application requests also are available on the city's website.

Find out first! Find out fast!

Sign up for eMAS,  
the City of Fairfax electronic  
message alert system,

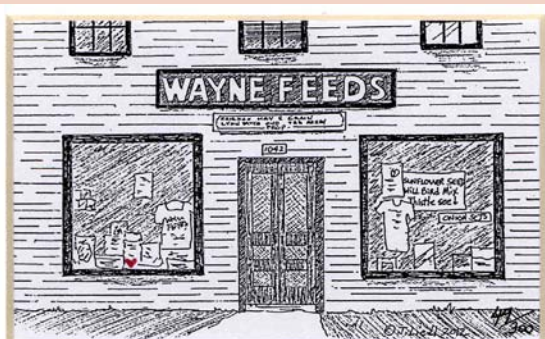
on the  
city's website:

[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

see the  
city's  
Web site!



## 2013 Chocolate Lovers Festival Valentines on Sale Now



Wayne Feeds, Fairfax City, Virginia

Valentines cost \$5 each and include five free pogs for the Taste of Chocolate. Buy yours today at:

- City Hall, Room 123 (703-385-7858) and Room 316 (703-385-7855)
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (703-385-8414)

Chocolate Lovers Festival will be March 2-3, 2013 in Old Town Fairfax.  
Information: [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net), 703-385-1661

## Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Commission for Women** (two vacancies for city residents) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Economic Development Authority** (one vacancy for city resident) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all Boards and Commissions on environmental and energy conservation issues.
- **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Oversees the mental-health, mental-retardation and substance-abuse treatment services of the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and Fairfax County.
- **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Offers forum for city's representatives to regional boards and commissions. Addresses emerging trends and unmet human services needs in the City of Fairfax. Meets on the third Monday of the month in January, April, July and October.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



DECEMBER

# CABLE SCHEDULE

## **The Fairfax Scene**

Through December 6, enjoy highlights from the 2012 Fall Festival entertainment.

Beginning December 7, get in the holiday spirit by watching highlights from the 2012 Festival of Lights and Carols.


*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. The shows also are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

## **School Board Meeting**

Monday, December 3, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, December 4, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Thursday, December 6, 10 am, 7 pm  
Monday, December 17, 10 am, 7 pm  
Tuesday, December 18, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Thursday, December 20, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online December 4*

## **Planning Commission Meetings**

Monday, December 10, 7 pm, LIVE

replays: Tuesday, December 11, 10 am;  
Thursday, December 13, 10 am, 7 pm   
*Archived online December 11*

## **City Council Meetings, Work Sessions**

Tuesday, December 11, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, December 12 and  
Friday, December 14, 10 am, 7 pm;  
Saturday, December 15 and Sunday,  
December 16, 10 am  
*Archived online December 12*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins December 16*

## **Encore!**

### **The Road to Recovery**

Enjoy encore performance of the City of Fairfax Band at 4 pm daily.

On days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

## **Watch CityScreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND**

View CityScreen-12 at your convenience. On the Internet, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing. For information, visit the city's website.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications On DEMAND "Free Zone."

## **Program Copies Available**

A limited number of copies of CityScreen-12 programs are available for loan or purchase.

To borrow a program on DVD, contact the Community Relations Office, Room 316 in City Hall (703-385-7855; [information@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:information@fairfaxva.gov)) or the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street (703-293-6227, ext. 6).

Many programs also are available for purchase on DVD. For information, call 703-385-7803 or e-mail [rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov).

**Programming is subject to change — see CityScreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.** 

## **Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council**

### **School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)**

#### *December 3 regular meeting*

- Student representative report.
- Presentation of the Fairfax County Public Schools Legislative Program report.
- Presentation and public hearing of the Superintendent's fiscal year 2013-14 Proposed Budget
- Approval of the City of Fairfax School Board Legislative Program report.

### **Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

#### *December 10 regular meeting*

- Public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- Discussion of the proposed rezoning for single family detached houses in a planned development (Avery Park located at 3601-3603 Jermentown Road and 10823-10825 Carol Street).
- Discussion of the proposed rezoning for a new shopping center at 9538 Lee Highway (next to the existing Arthur Treacher's restaurant north of Fairfax Circle).

### **City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

#### *December 4 work session*

- Discussion of the city's strategic plan.

#### *December 11 regular meeting and work session*

- Public hearing on the proposed guidelines to be used in the preparation of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Public hearing on a request to rezone 97,290 square feet from R-1 and R-3, Residential to P-D(p), Planned Development (with proffers); for zoning variances to reduce the minimum open space setback of at least 20 feet around the external walls of any structure, to allow open space sections of less than the minimum required 10,000 square feet, and to waive provision of 200 square feet of commercial gross floor area for every dwelling unit; for variances from the subdivision ordinance to reduce the minimum private accessway width to less than 30 feet, relief for requirement to provide a cul-de-sac with a minimum 40-foot radius at the end of a dead-end street and to waive the requirement to provide sidewalks on both sides of all streets at 10515, 10519, 10523 and 10525 School Street.
- Public hearing on an ordinance adopting loose-leaf supplement numbers 13 and 14 to the City Code.
- Discussion of a request for a special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment at by Buffalo Wing University.

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.** 



# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

**October 23**

## **Consent agenda**

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Jeffrey Stack Company, Inc. in the amount of \$318,208.05 for the installation of a fence and additional landscaping along George Mason Boulevard between Armstrong Street and School Street, and the construction of a mini-park along School Street between University Drive and Trowbridge Court/Mason Oaks Court, and a new driveway for 4069 University Drive; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Fairfax and the Virginia Department of Transportation for the reconstruction and repaving of Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50) between Rebel Run and Draper Drive; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$24,500 for the purchase of a replacement service vehicle for CUE.

## **Items not requiring a public hearing**

- Approved, unanimously, the resolution endorsing the TransAction 2040 Plan of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

## **Actions out of the closed meeting/ Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

- Reappointed Alvin Doehring to the Board of Equalization for a three-year term extending through November 30, 2015.
- Reappointed Carol Caputo, Howard Rhile, and Mary Lechter to the Commission on the Arts for three-year terms extending through December 31, 2015.
- Reappointed Edward Trexler to the Historic Fairfax City, Inc. for a five-year term extending through December 31, 2017.
- Reappointed Jeff Byrne to the Human Services Committee for a three-year term extending through November 17, 2015.
- Reappointed Jane Albro to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term extending through November 13, 2015.

- Appointed Cathy Pumphrey and Fred Cornett to the Economic Development Authority for the remainder of four-year terms extending through October 23, 2012, with extensions of four-year terms extending through October 23, 2016.
- Appointed Matthew Rooney to the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term extending through October 23, 2016.

**November 13**

## **Consent agenda**

- Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the residential rental inspection program, and the building, plumbing, gas, mechanical and electrical codes, and amending City Code to add a new Division 3 pertaining to connections to public sewers; Introduction of supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$230,000 for the installation of a fence and additional landscaping along George Mason Boulevard between Armstrong Street and School Street, and the construction of a mini-park along School Street between University Drive and Trowbridge Court/Mason Oaks Court, and a new driveway for 4226 University Drive; Consideration of a private purchase of a burial site from a city resident to a non-city resident.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute a contract with PCI LLC, in the amount of \$453,408 for the purchase of a tax billing and collection system provided the contract and any amendments are acceptable to the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney.

## **Public hearings**

- Approved, unanimously, the request of Rise and Shine Daycare, applicant, for a special use permit, pursuant to City Code, to allow a child care center as an accessory to a church in the R-3 Residential District at 10185 Main Street.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the

amount of \$24,652.70 for the purchase of a replacement service vehicle for CUE Bus.

## **Actions out of the Closed Meeting/ Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

- Reappointed Councilmember DeMarco and Christina Alexander (alternate) to the Potomac Watershed Roundtable.

**Attend City Council meetings  
in the City Hall Annex.  
Agendas are available  
on the city's website: click  
here. To request a copy of the  
agenda, call the City Clerk at  
703-385-7935.**

**Watch televised City Council  
meetings live and replayed on  
Cityscreen-12, the city's cable  
television station, as well  
as on Cox Communications  
OnDEMAND and on the city's  
website. See page 5!**

## **In Case of Emergency...**

### *City newsline*

703-273-1776

recorded information  
24-hour access, updates

### *City website*

[www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)

24-hour access, updates

### *Cityscreen-12*

Channel 12 on cable television  
and city website  
24-hour access, updates

### *eMAS message alert system*

messages sent to subscribers  
via e-mail, pager, text and phone  
24-hour access, updates

### *General Information*

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)  
regular business hours

### *Office of Emergency Management*

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)  
regular business hours

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# City of Fairfax Community Calendar December 2012

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

## Helpful Phone Numbers

City government information..... 703-385-7855  
City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776  
Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS  
City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227  
Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560  
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414  
FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130  
George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056  
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

**2**

Civil War Interpretive Center Series: *Christmas in Camp*, noon to 4 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (see page 8)  
GMU Opera: *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, 2 pm, George Mason University Harris Theater

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Second Sunday Series: *Ratcliffe-Allison House Turns 200*, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (see page 8)  
Northern Virginia Youth Winds: *Premiere Concert*, 3 pm, Oakton High School (see page 8)

**16**

Sesame Street Live: *Can't Stop Singing*, 1 pm, 4:30 pm, Patriot Center  
Main Street Community Band: *Home for the Holidays*, 4 pm, Lanier Middle School (see page 8)

**23**

**30**

**3**

Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  
Vision Series: *America's Favorite Vegetable*, 7 pm, Center for the Arts  
School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)

**10**

Mock Newbery Book Club (age 7-12), 3 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library  
Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)

**17**

Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  
Book Buddies (age 5-9), 4 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

**24**

Christmas Eve

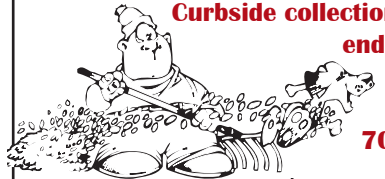
**Trash and recyclables are not collected**  
City government offices closed  
General District Court closed  
Fairfax Museum closed  
CUE Bus on regular schedule until service ends at 7 pm

**31**

General District Court closed

**Please rake leaves to the curb by December 14 for prompt collection.**

**Curbside collection ends**



**December 28. Information: 703-385-LEAF.**

**4**

City Council special work session, 6 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim  
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library  
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

**11**

Astronomy observing session, 6 pm, George Mason University Observatory  
City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)  
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

**18**

Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center  
Fairfax High School Band Concert, 7 pm, Fairfax High School  
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

**25**

Christmas

**Trash and recyclables are not collected**  
City government offices closed  
General District Court closed  
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed  
Civil War Interpretive Center closed  
No CUE Bus service

**5**

Real estate tax payments due — see page 3  
Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center  
Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

**12**

League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yen Cheng Restaurant, 9992 Main Street  
Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center

**19**

Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex  
Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*, 7:30 pm, Center for the Arts

**26**

**Monday and Tuesday trash and recycling routes collected**

**6**

Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  
Wiz Khalifa — *the 2050 Tour*, 7 pm, Patriot Center  
Mason Players: *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, 8 pm, de Laski Performing Arts Center

**13**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

**20**

City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex  
Fairfax High School Chorus and Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, Fairfax High School  
Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*, 7:30 pm, Center for the Arts

**27**

**Wednesday and Thursday trash and recycling routes collected**

**Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit [today.gmu.edu](http://today.gmu.edu) or call 703-993-1056.**

**7**

Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)  
Sherwood Cinema Series: *The Lorax*, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center

**14**

**Please have leaves raked to the curb for collection — see page 2**  
Final day of "Dress to Work, Mourn, and Impress" at the Ratcliffe-Allison House  
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3  
Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio, 8 pm, Old Town Hall (see page 8)

**21**

Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

**28**

**Curbside leaf collection ends — see page 2**  
**Friday trash and recyclables route collected as usual**  
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

**1**

*Festival of Lights and Carols — see page 1*  
Fall Food Drive, 10318 Willard Way  
Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 am, Fire Station 3  
*A Celtic Christmas with Sior-Og and Friends*, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center

**8**

Fall Food Drive, 10 am to 4 pm, 10318 Willard Way (Courthouse Plaza)  
Swing Dances at Sherwood: *Blue Suede Bop*, 8 pm, Sherwood Community Center

**15**

Sesame Street Live: *Can't Stop Singing*, 10:30 am, 2 pm, Patriot Center  
*Horns a-Plenty: A Christmas Holiday Concert*, 4 pm, George Mason University Harris Theater  
*The Romeros with Concerto Mágala*, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

**22**

*Christmas in Fairfax with the City of Fairfax Band*, 7 pm, Fairfax High School (free, but tickets are required — see page 8)  
American Festival Pops Orchestra: *Holiday Pops*, 8 pm, Center for the Arts

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**Please note January 1, 2013:**  
**Closed: city government offices, General District Court, Fairfax Museum, Civil War Interpretive Center; No CUE Bus service; No trash and recyclables collection.**  
Info: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov), 703-273-1776.



# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

**Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!**

## **History Programs Planned December 2, 9**

Spend *Christmas in Camp* with 17th Virginia, Co. D, "Fairfax Rifles," from noon to 4 p.m. December 2 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Celebrate the bicentennial of the Ratcliffe-Allison House at 2 p.m. December 9 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. For information, call 703-385-8414.

## **City Band Celebrates with Holiday Concerts**

The City of Fairfax Band plans three local concerts to help celebrate the season. For information, call 703-757-0220.

The Northern Virginia Youth Winds opens its new season at 3 p.m. December 9 at Oakton High School, 2900 Oakton Road, Oakton. Tickets cost \$5 for adults; students are admitted free.

The Main Street Community Band will be *Home for the Holidays* at 3 p.m.

December 16 at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermentown Road. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

The City of Fairfax Band celebrates *Christmas in Fairfax* at 7 p.m. December 22 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

## **Performance Series Continues**

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues December 14 with the *Bobby Jasinski Jazz Trio* and January 11, 2013 with the *Bravura Chamber Ensemble*. For information, call 703-352-ARTS.

## **Submit Ideas for Independence Day Logo**

The Independence Day Celebration Committee seeks a logo for the city's

2013 Independence Day festivities. The winner is awarded \$100, and entries are due February 15, 2013. For information, call 703-385-7949.

## **Volunteers Sought for Special Events, Museum**

Get involved with the City of Fairfax by volunteering during its special events or at its historic sites.

Special events include the Spotlight on the Arts, Independence Day Parade, Fall Festival and Festival of Lights and Carols. For information, call 703-385-7949.

Volunteers are sought to help at the city's historic sites: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, the Ratcliffe-Allison House and the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. For information, call 703-385-8415.

## **Send the City to Friends Far and Near — Find Fairfax Memorabilia in City Gift Shops!**

**Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center**  
10209 Main Street  
open from 9 am to 5 pm daily  
(excluding major holidays)  
703-385-8414

**Civil War Interpretive Center**  
3610 Old Lee Highway  
open from noon to 4 pm  
Tuesday through Saturday  
(excluding major holidays)  
703-591-0560

**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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